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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE AND TALKING POINTS

1. WE SUGGEST YOU USE FOLLOWING TO REPLY TO PRESS
QUERIES ON YOUR MEETING WITH SIAD.

"OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT SIAD WERE AMICABLE AND
IN MY VIEW CONSTRUCTIVE. THE DISCUSSIONS, WHICH
COVERED A FULL RANGE OF U.S.-SOMALI BILATERAL RELATIONS,
FOCUSED UNDERSTANDABLY ON FUTURE STABILITY IN THE HORN.
I WILL HAVE TO RESERVE ANY FURTHER COMMENT UNTIL WE
REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE". THIS
PRO-FORMA RESPONSE IS CONSISTENT WITH YOUR GENERAL PLAN
TO AVOID PUBLIC STATEMENTS PRIOR TO CONSULTATION HERE
WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND WITH CONGRESS AND ALSO
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YOUR REQUEST TO SIAD THAT HE AVOID PUBLIC COMMENT.

2. FYI: FOLLOWING Q AND A FROM MARCH 21 DEPARTMENT
PRESS BRIEFING REFLECTS GUIDANCE WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING
HERE:

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING BACK FROM THE MOOSE DELEGATION?

A: AS I NOTED EARLIER WE WILL NOT HAVE ANYTHING EXTENSIVE

TO SAY UNTIL HE GETS BACK. HE WILL BE STOPPING FOR A
DAY IN SAUDI ARABIA, AND HE IS EXPECTED BACK THIS
WEEK, PROBABLY ON FRIDAY. VANCE

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